

METHOD FOR REGENERATING PARTICULATE FILTER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Fuel is added to exhaust gas 9 upstream of a catalytic regeneration type particulate filter 13 in an exhaust pipe 11. The fuel added is oxidized on a flow-through type oxidization catalyst 14 before the particulate filter 13 to generate exothermic heat with which captured and accumulated particulates in the particulate filter 13 are burned off to forcibly regenerate the particulate filter 13. When the driving is being performed in light-load engine operation areas upon forcible regeneration of the particulate filter 13, a retarder 22 is activated, with an accelerator pedal retaining its on-state, and an amount of fuel injected is increased to compensate reduction of torque due to such activation of the retarder 22.